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Poultry Programs

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FROZEN CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS, INVITATION NO. 5, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-299

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen, fully cooked, dark chicken fajita strips as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, August 22. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, August 26. Deliveries are to be made from Oct. 1 to Oct. 15.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?</a>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered non-responsive.

Offers are invited from the trade for frozen, fully cooked, dark chicken fajita strips, produced from ready-to-cook boneless, skinless drumsticks, thighs, and/or legs. The commodity will be packaged 5 or 10 pounds (2.27 or 4.54 kg) per plastic-film bag to a net weight of 30 pounds (13.61 kg) in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,300 shipping containers totaling 39,000 pounds (17,690 kg).

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-299; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for Chicken Fajita Strips dated June 2005; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs; Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave. SW; Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

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Purchases of the commodity listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-299, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY299 INVITATION : 005

COMM GROUP : 22 CHICKEN, FROZEN

COMM TYPE : 60 CHICKEN FAJITA STRIPS

PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

ITEM NO		_	TRANS RESTR	~
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/05 - 10/15/05				
	ROCKY HILL CRANSTON PLAINFIELD	CT RI VT		,
004	SPOKANE	WA WA WA	TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY	•
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				195,000
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Catherine V. Smith Contracting Officer

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